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PARIS FOR USDEL JEC

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF PERSONNEL RELEASES

1. ON THE BASIS OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED FEBRUARY 1 AND THE DETAILED PLAN FORMULATED FEBRUARY 5, PERSONNEL RELEASES RESUMED TODAY, FEBRUARY 8. EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, AND THE PROCESSING OF 200 GVN CIVILIAN DE-TAINEES AT LOC NINH WAS COMPLETED BY FOUR O'CLOCK. OF THE 186 MALE AND FOURTEEN FEMALE DETAINEES, ONE FEMALE OPTED FOR HOI CHANH STATUS. GVN TPJMC DELEGATION, WHICH HAS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH

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ITS MONITORING TEAMS AT BIEN HOA AND LOC NINH, REPORTS THAT

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THERE WERE NO UNPLEASANTRIES DURING TODAY'S FORMALITIES. THE DETAINEES WERE DELIVERED BY HU-1B HELICOPTERS IN THREE SERIES OF FLIGHTS: 64, 72 AND 64. THE GVN DELEGATION HOPES NEXT WEEK TO SUBSTITUTE CARIBOU AIRCRAFT OR LARGER CHINOOK HELICOPTERS FOR THE HUEYS.

2. THE RELEASES WILL CONTINUE FEBRUARY 11, WITH THE GVN SCHEDULED TO DELIVER TO LOC NINH 200 CIVILIANS PER DAY, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, THE GVN IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE 100 POWS AT DUC NGHIEP (PLEIKU), SIX CIVILIANS IN QUANG NAM, AND NINETEEN CIVILIANS IN QUANG TIN. ON FEBRUARY 15, THE GVN IS TO RECEIVE 79 MORE CIVILIANS IN QUANG NGAI. A WEEK FROM TODAY THE GVN WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE RELEASED 1,200 CIVILLIANS AND RECEIVED 100 POWS AND 104 CIVILIANS.

3. GVN ELEASES ARE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE AT THE SAME RATE THROUGHOUT THE FOLLOWING WEEK, WHILE THE COMMUNISTS ARE SUPPOSED TO RETURN TO THE GVN 140 MORE POWS AT DUC NGHIEP AND A TOTAL OF 75 CIVILIANS AT SITES IN PHU YEN, VO DINH (KONTUM), KHANH HOA, AND KIEN GIANG. DETAILS OF BOTH THIS SECOND WEEK'S RELEASES AND THOSE OF THE THIRD WEEK HAVE YET TO BE WORKED OUT, AND THIS BROAD OUTLINE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE SUBJECT TO SOME REVISION.
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